

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 1-21 were rejected. With this Amendment, claim 1 was amended and claims 10-11 were cancelled. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-21 are at issue in the above-identified application.

35 U.S.C. § 112 Indefiniteness Rejection of Claims

Claim 10-12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Obviousness Rejection of Claims

Claims 1-3 and 5-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* (U.S. Patent No. 5,819,917) and *Redlinger* (U.S. Des. Patent No. 433,562). Claims 1-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Redlinger*. Claims 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson*. Claims 16 and 18-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of. Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Redlinger*. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Redlinger*. Claim 21 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Redlinger*. Claim 21 was rejected under under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Redlinger*. Claims 8, 10 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* (U.S. Design Patent No. 409,560). Claims 9, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable

over WO '008 in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of *Redlinger*. Claims 8, 10, 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim*. Claims 9, 13 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Rosler* in view of *Nicholson* and *Shim* as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of *Redlinger*. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Amended claim 1, from which claims 2-7 depend, recites a battery storage case comprising a first projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a first opening portion, a second projection train formed on an outer surface of said main body near a bottom surface, and a third projection train formed on an inner surface of a lid portion, wherein the third projection train is adapted to engage one of the first projection train and the second projection train, wherein a through-hole is formed through the head portion of said lid portion, and wherein the main body is adapted to stores a battery having a length L, and wherein the distance between the first and second projection trains is equal to or greater than the length L of the battery. None of the above-cited references, either alone or in combination, teach or even suggest a battery storage case comprising first second and third projection trains, wherein a third projection train is adapted to engage one of a first projection train in a second projection train, *and wherein the distance between the first and second projection trains is equal to or greater than the length L of the battery.*

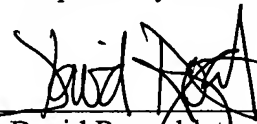
For example, *Redlinger* discloses a lip balm key chain having a first portion adapted to engage a second portion, wherein the first portion has a hole and a key ring fitted through that hole. *Redlinger* does not disclose a projection train formed on an outer surface of a main body near a bottom surface, as required by claim 1. Additionally, WO '008 discloses a row of

projections (11) which extend from an open end (8) of an inner sleeve (2) and terminate just short of a plate (7) of the inner sleeve (2). Moreover, *Rosler* discloses a packaging container formed of a first or inner hollow body 1 and a second or outer hollow body 2, wherein the inner hollow body has at least one row of teeth 3 which extends parallel to the longitude middle axis of the hollow body and also for its full axial length. Neither, WO '008 or *Rosler* teach or disclose first and second projection trains having a distance between them equal to or greater than a length L of a battery, as recited in claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claimed invention is not anticipated by nor obvious the applied references, either alone or in combination. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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